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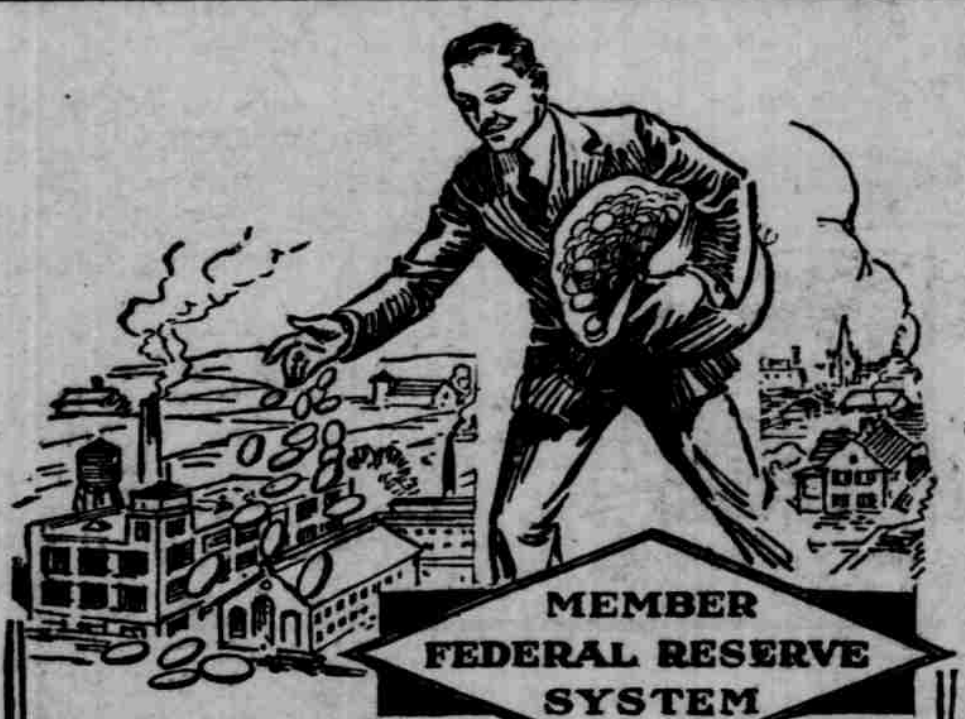
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Essay Contest Gave Young Folks Chance to Show Originality and Tell Much About Peace Time Army

Here are the winning essays for Phoenix and Maricopa county written in the schools February 20 on the subject: "What are the benefits of an enlistment in the United States army?" Each author received one or more prizes offered by the merchants. The prizes were numerous, approximately \$400 being their value.

The essays speak for themselves. The outstanding feature, it will be seen, is originality, expression, and sincerity. The government through the war department when it announced the contest said it wished the students to express thoughts, and in consequence the essays were judged strictly on a basis of originality, expression and sincerity. However, the manuscripts which came from the judges to the Phoenix chamber of commerce, were for the most part neat in appearance and beautifully written, mostly with the pen, although some of the younger students wrote with the pencil. Two of the essays required a special conference of school officials to decide the winner. There were a number of essays of merit which lost through lack of originality, expression and sincerity.

But the winning of the prizes here is not all. The best essay from each school in the county will go to headquarters of the Southern California-Arizona recruiting district at Los Angeles. A board of judges at Los Angeles will select from these essays the best one and forward it to the war department at Washington. There are 56 recruiting districts in the United States. The best essay from each of these 56 districts will be placed in the hands of the secretary of war, General John J. Pershing, the ranking officer in the army, and General Peyton C. March, the chief of staff. These three will select three essays. The best will win for its author a gold medal, the second a silver medal and the third a bronze medal. In addition there will be awarded three beautiful loving cups, the winners to take them back home and present them to their schools. The prizes will be awarded in person; that is, the three winners with their parents or guardians will go to Washington with all expenses paid by the government. The winners will be the honored guests of the war department when they are presented with their prizes. The presentation at Washington will take place May 5 next.

Colonel Shunk, recruiting officer for the Southern California-Arizona district, and Captain Charles C. Freiden, that, his assistant, and Sergeant W. P. Brady, in charge of the army essay contest for Phoenix and the county for the army, thoroughly organized the work here. They received endorsements from the governor, state superintendent of public instruction, the county superintendent and city superintendent of schools, the principal of the Phoenix Union high school and the Phoenix chamber of commerce. The chamber of commerce promoted the civic end of the contest and in

this work received able assistance from Sergeant Brady and his men. The teachers, principals and superintendents put forth their best efforts and made of the contest a great success. But to the students are due the honors. They delivered abundantly and patriotically. Out of their efforts have given new thoughts to the world. They have told about the benefits of the new peace-time army which takes the rawest recruit and in three years or more builds him up, to become an American soldier and citizen, useful alike in arms, the crafts and the professions.

The essays are given on these two pages.

PRIZE ESSAY OF PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL

By Florence Stoner, Senior Year

America has come forth from the World War victorious, yet vanquished; proud of her victory, ashamed of her defeat; for though she has conquered in the fight, she still realizes that it was God's providence and the will power of her allies that held the line until her tardy arrival. Therein lies her defeat. Instead of rushing into battle at the moment war was declared, alert, ready, she had to wait a whole year, while she made ready her weapons, and drafted, yes, drafted her sons into service. Now, though she is and will always be able to point with a measure of pride to her war record she must yet flush with shame at parts of it. And the reasons? It is because America neglected the cultivation of that part of men's souls called patriotism; it is because America neglected the cultivation of that part of man called the body; it is because America neglected the Americanization, the education, the results of her negligence, America is ready to make amends, and to safeguard herself against a repetition of that story. She has organized a new army for the upbuilding of the nation's physique, the stimulation of patriotism, and the education of the uneducated.

Let us consider physical improvement. Regular habits, outdoor life, good food, good companions, and study to occupy and develop the mind, are the best aids to health and happiness. The army requires and makes possible all these. All kinds of games are encouraged, and rousing contests between football and baseball teams are enthusiastically supported. The men have medical attention, and live under sanitary conditions.

As for study, a man may begin with the first course or continue his college education. Training in any vocation is offered.

The soldiers are paid a salary, the rawest recruit receiving thirty dollars per month besides board and barracks. The social status of the army is no longer what it used to be. Now it is an asset to be a soldier, so the men are always respected in their old social circles. The army itself provides clubs and amusements. In short, the army is an institution for the mental, moral and physical uplift of the na-

tion's youth if they enter it in the right spirit. It will be a great Americanizer, a means of uniting our manhood and thus our nation.

PRIZE ESSAY JUNIOR CLASS, PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL

By John R. Shoemaker

After demobilization the government immediately found difficulty in obtaining enlistments or the new army. This brought the realization that in the awakening caused by the great war young men are expecting and demanding more from life, and the general staff is now offering advantages and inducements to applicants for enlistment.

In the first place, the young man of today demands a better equipment for the battle of life than his father did. To meet this the government has provided educational and vocational training of a high order. There will be an opportunity to continue the education given to every man, from the most elementary study to the close of a high school course, and through its many branches of service the government provides through instruction in practically every lucrative trade and calling.

Again, there is the travel. The writer was a member of the "Sight-seeing Sixth" and knows from his own experience how the sight of strange lands and contact with the character and customs of different peoples are recognized by the men as broadening influences of the first value, powerful in developing an esprit de corps, and heightening the morale. In this connection it may be said that the personal associations formed in the midst of new adventures are of life long satisfaction.

Think of the pride of being one of Uncle Sam's fighting men. The military experience gained in three years with the colors makes of the raw recruit one of the best soldiers in the world. He has the physical development of a trained athlete and clearness of eye and steadiness of nerve together with straightforward methods of action which make him a man of decision and character and bring out his qualities as a leader.

The history of the American army is one of glorious achievement. Americans have always been proud of their soldiers, who in war or peace have uniformly stood in the profession of arms. The great war is ended, but the work of the soldier is not yet done. Our liberties were secured by the blood of the old continentals whose proficiency in the use of the rifle made them a terror to their foes, and it is to the loyal devoted soldiers of his country that we must look in the last analysis, to safeguard and preserve these liberties.

PRIZE ESSAY, FRESHMAN CLASS, PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL

By Nellie McClure

There are a great many benefits obtained through enlistment in the United States army. To me the most important are physical development, educational training and discipline.

One of the first requirements for a useful life is a sound body, and the first course of training is, therefore, the physical. The recruit is given a systematic and gradual training for the first month or six weeks after enlistment. This course contains carefully arranged setting-up exercises, athletic games, and other physical tests which develop and keep him in the best physical condition possible to enable him to perform his duties properly. Through this training he acquires the confidence and independence, the clear, straight thinking, the brain, and the keen eye that go with

a healthy body. Sufficient training is continued throughout enlistment, enabling him to acquire a fitness that remains with him always.

Education also plays an important part in the life of a soldier. It is the endeavor of the army to turn a man back into civil life after enlistment, a better and more efficient citizen. As a result of this principle, many branches of the service have already established schools where many trades are taught. A complete reference library has been provided at each camp and other places for the use of the students. There are seventeen departments in vocational training. A man may choose anyone of these, and receive the necessary training to enable him to enter the same position upon his return to civil life if he wishes to do so. The fundamental courses of the elementary schools are taught in the educational training. Many high school subjects are covered in the advanced courses. Education by travel is also possible in the army. After assignment to a foreign troop station, the soldier passes through many large cities. He sees many interesting sights, strange people and queer customs. He comes in contact with methods of life, habits and characteristics of other people and nations.

In drilling the soldier is taught prompt obedience to commands, quick thinking, and punctuality. He who learns these well is greatly benefited in civil life as well as military. The benefits of university training are realized by many, and others are coming to realize the benefits of training offered them by the "University in Khaki."

It teaches them to be clean and neat in their appearance and how to take care of their clothes. It helps them to stand straight and have a fine appearance, which they walk in. They learn the use of guns which every boy should know so he can be able to defend his country. The boy becomes a good horseman and learns how to take care of a horse. They all learn to obey promptly. It teaches them to save and become thrifty.

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FIRST PRIZE IN CITY SCHOOLS

By Ethel Fretz, 8-A Grade, Adams School

Many benefits are to be derived from enlisting in the regular army. The pay received, to be sure, is not a large amount but that is all profit which can be spent for luxuries or saved. After all it is what you have at the end of the month not what you get at the end of the year.

When old enough to retire a pension of three-fourths of your base pay plus the amount set aside monthly to provide for quarters, heat, light and rations is given for the rest of your life.

The military training received not only makes you physically fit, but also teaches you obedience and habits which will be of benefit in civil life after your term of enlistment is up. There are many ways by which you can get education in the army. First are the schools in which the common subjects are taught. Other schools teach the soldier a trade. If you have a talent for music you can enlist in the band where you receive good musical training. Still another way of getting education is by travel. If you wish to go to France and Germany and wish to go again you can enlist in the army that is going to Europe. Other places you can enlist for are Alaska, the Philippines, Hawaii, China and, in short, almost any part of the world you would like to see. What man doesn't have a desire to travel? Here is your chance.

Many a man has gone into the army not knowing what he wants to become and come out with a trade. You can learn almost any trade you wish and when your period of enlistment is over you are qualified to receive the best of wages in civil life. Nearly every ambitious young man spends some of the best years of his life preparing for his work. This is a great expense. Why not join the army for a few years at least, receive this preparation together with the military training which makes

you physically fit and be receiving pay all the while?

Good, wholesome recreations such as dancing, moving pictures, shows, concerts, etc., are provided. There are libraries with comfortable reading and writing rooms. Baseball, football, and other teams are organized which compete with civilians.

Taken altogether a few years in the army cannot hurt any man and it certainly is of great benefit to most. Think this over and then seek the sergeant.

FOURTH GRADE WINNER IN PHOENIX SCHOOLS

By Genevieve Crabbs

The boys receive great benefits from the physical training, which makes them stronger men. The regular habits which they form go with them through life making them more punctual in business and better able to make a success of whatever they try to do. The boys in traveling through different countries receive considerable education learning the different languages in the different countries, and the ways and customs of the people. One of the most important things is to be more patriotic, they learn to love our flag more and want to see our country. It brings out the good qualities of the young men and gives them a chance to become leaders. The chance for advancement and promotion is great if they study and work hard. The government tries to encourage the boys to become better educated and have schools in the training camps that they may attend.

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FIFTH GRADE WINNER IN CITY

By Chester Arnold of Adams School

The advantages that a man or boy would receive from the U. S. army are very clear to me, and I would like to help others to see the advantages as I do.

The intention of the U. S. government in having an army and navy is to make good men and good citizens. We have been taught by the Greeks that a man must be trained in both mind and body. Sparta thought boys should be trained to be good soldiers. Athens thought boys should be trained to be good citizens. We are living at thousand or more years in advance of these people and have learned that, to be a strong nation, we must be educated in both mind and body.

The army of the U. S. teaches her men and the boys the value of having good habits and a strong mind. They do not expect their men to work all the time, but they have moving picture shows, dances and plenty of good books to read. A man going in the army has a chance to travel, and he can see other countries, and learn about the people. This is a good education. If I were old enough, I would like to join the army so I could see all the foreign countries, and their people. If a boy has lived in the backwoods, and has not had a chance to go to school, he can join the army and even learn to read and write. Then he can learn a trade, whatever he chooses. He even gets paid while he is learning all of that. Think of it! While learning to be a good citizen, he is paid by Uncle Sam. There is no expense for a man. The army furnishes good clothes and good food. If a man gets the lowest salary paid while he is learning all of that, out at the end of three years he will have over \$1,000. With an education and \$1,000 I think I could do lots of things. I think it is better to be saving money and learning to be a good citizen so we can help our country. Don't you think she will be proud of such citizens? And don't you think she deserves good citizens? Hurrah for the United States!

PRIZE ESSAY, FIFTH GRADE, OSBORN SCHOOL

By Catherine Logie

The benefits of the U. S. army are many, and one of them is being able to travel, and to learn to read and write. In the army the men have good sleeping quarters, good food, and good clothing. The men have lots of amusement also. When you enter the army, you choose from a list of things the kind of training that you wish to take, such as infantry, cavalry, field artillery, etc. The men have good training also, which gives them strength and a healthy body. If you want to travel and have not the money, the army has a remedy. Travel in itself is an education, in which you learn many things. In the army you also may earn. Pay in the army ranges from \$20 to \$121.50 per month. The men also receive essentials free. The pay is profit to be spent for luxuries or saved. If you want to learn you may, for in many branches of the service they have schools where many trades are taught. An amount of \$2,000,000 was set aside by congress for vocational training during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920. One of the benefits is to be prepared to fight with trained men; also, the men get military training. These are some of the benefits of the U. S. Army.

PRIZE ESSAY, SEVENTH GRADE, OSBORN SCHOOL

By May Stokes

An enlistment in the United States army has many benefits for both the man and the nation. When a man enlists in the army he may not have had an education for in many of our large cities there are thousands of families that are so poor, their young boys have to work as soon as they are old enough to work, or even before they have finished their grammar school course. The travel the men in the army get has its education. They see in reality, the things they have studied about. In towns and cities the poorer class usually works so many hours that they do not take the kind of physical exercise. Of course they take exercise while working but that is probably not the right kind. Thus the training received in the army is very beneficial.

Many young men before entering the United States army have not had a great deal of respect for the law. In the army the law is strictly enforced and on leaving the army, if they ever do, they are usually law-abiding citizens, and are apt to make more of themselves in the future. Perhaps some of the young men

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